

## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST CONFERENCE CALL

June 13, 2001

Roll Call: Barry Burnell  
Jean Hughes  
Bob Erickson

Also Present: Thomas E. Limbaugh, Bureau Chief  
Dee Ann Randall, Administrative Secretary

Chairman Barry Burnell called the conference call to order at 10:08 a.m.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved by Jean Hughes, seconded by Bob Erickson to nominate Barry Burnell as Chairman of the Board. Motion carried.

### BOARD NEGATIVE CASH BALANCE

Discussion was held regarding options for bringing the Board's negative cash balance into a positive balance. Moved by Jean Hughes, seconded by Bob Erickson and carried that the Board authorizes the Bureau to submit proposed legislation to increase the fee caps to \$150.00 in Sections 54-2402, 54-2403 and 54-2415, Idaho Code. The Board will review this proposed legislation at their October 24, 2001 board meeting. The Board will also discuss the fee necessary to establish in rules that will bring the fund balance to a positive balance and allow the Board to be self-supporting within the Bureau.

### CHANGING LAW FROM A TITLE ACT TO A PRACTICE ACT

Discussion was held regarding changing the law from a title act to a practice act. It was suggested that employees of the Department of Environmental Quality and those who are required to hold other professional licenses be included in a practice act exemption. Those in the private sector would need to be contacted for their input and interest in becoming licensed. Bob Erickson expressed his opposition to exempting DEQ. Barry Burnell will invite Stephen Allred, Director of the Department of Environmental Quality to the next board meeting for discussion on this issue.

STATES REQUIRING LICENSURE

Bob Erickson discussed the list he had received from NEHA of those states that require licensure. Thirty-four states require some form of licensure/certification. Mr. Erickson contacted several of the states and asked for information on number of licensees and fee charged. Mr. Erickson will provide Tom Limbaugh with this list. The Board asked Mr. Limbaugh to contact some of the states for information on their fees and the structure of their boards.

Moved by Bob Erickson, seconded by Jean Hughes and carried the conference call adjourn at 10:50 a.m.

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Barry Burnell, Chairman

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Jean Hughes

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Bob Erickson

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Thomas E. Limbaugh, Bureau Chief

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